

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of Sept. 28, 2020

School-Age Child Care During Distance Learning, Community Development Block Grant Funds for Emergency Rental Assistance, Public Accountability and Transparency, Racial Equity and Social Justice Zoning Impact Statements, Uniform Trader's License Fee, Townhouse Living Conditional Use Standards, Solar Collection System, Release of Balloons

Council Coming Attractions is a summary of some of the issues before the Council. All Council staff reports and additional information on each item scheduled for Council or Committee review can be viewed at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html>

The Council meeting schedule may change from time to time. The current Council and Committee agendas can also be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html>

The Council will hold virtual meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 9:30 a.m. and on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m.

COUNCIL

Supplemental Appropriation to MCPS' FY21 Operating Budget - \$374,031 for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund - Innovative Approaches to Connecting with Students Project Grant

On Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 9:30 a.m. the Council will introduce a supplemental appropriation of \$374,031 for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund. This supplemental appropriation is needed because Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) received funding from the GEER Fund—Innovative Approaches to Connecting with Students Grant. MCPS plans to use these grant funds to implement professional development to maximize student learning and instructional impact during remote and online instruction. Program participants include district leaders, administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals,

community partners and family members. The Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing and vote on this supplemental appropriation on Oct. 13. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_3A.pdf

Special Appropriation to the FY21 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Montgomery County Government – Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) - Transfer Station Fire Detection and Suppression System (No. 802101), \$4,700,000

The Council will introduce a special appropriation of \$4.7 million to the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Budget and FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for the Department of Environmental Protection. This appropriation would fund fire detection and suppression system improvements at the County's Solid Waste Transfer Station. A public hearing is scheduled for Oct. 13 at 1:30 p.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

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https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_3C.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation to County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Office of the County Executive - \$550,000 to support a Police audit, Fire and Rescue Services audit and consulting funds for community engagement support

The Council is scheduled to vote on a supplemental appropriation of \$550,000 to the Office of the County Executive's FY21 Operating Budget to support audits of the Montgomery County Police Department and the Fire and Rescue Service, as well as funds for community engagement support. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_3D.pdf

Resolution to Amend FY21 Operating Budget Resolution 19-472, Section G, Designation of entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status – Effective law Enforcement for All, Inc.

The Council will introduce Resolution to Amend FY21 Operating Budget Resolution 19-472, Section G, Designation of entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status – Effective law Enforcement for All, Inc. To help facilitate the Task Force to Reimagine Public Safety, an audit of the Police Department has been requested and will include a racial bias analysis. Originally, a supplemental appropriation to fund this audit included \$200,000 for the audit and \$150,000 to support community engagement. The actual allocation of funds has changed from the original proposal, although the total funding remains the same with \$275,000 for a police audit and \$75,000 for community engagement support. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_3E.pdf

Resolution to Approve Categorical Transfers of \$7,927,000 for MCPS' FY20 Operating Budget, and Categorical Transfers of \$1,617,000 for FY20 Grant Funds in the Provision for Future Supported Projects

The Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution to approve categorical transfers of \$7,927,000 for MCPS' FY20 Operating Budget and \$1,617,000 for the MCPS FY20 Grant Funds, Provision for Future Supported Projects. The Board of Education requested the operating budget categorical transfers on Aug. 25 and the grant fund categorical transfers on June 29. The Council introduced the categorical transfer requests on Sept. 15. The Education and Culture (E&C) Committee held a meeting on Sept. 21 to review the categorical transfer requests and unanimously recommends approval. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_3F.pdf

Office of Legislative Oversight, COVID-19 Recovery Outlook Papers

The Council will receive and release two papers in the Office of Legislative Oversight's (OLO) COVID-19 Recovery Outlook series: Cost-Burdened Renter Households and Minority-Owned Small Businesses. The purpose of this agenda item is for the Council to approve release of these papers to the public. The Council asked OLO to develop a series of short papers that address COVID-19 economic recovery efforts in alignment with the Council's [Economic Development Platform](#). All OLO reports, including all previous COVID-19 Recovery Outlook papers, can be found [here](#). The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_3K.pdf

Board of Appeals Interviews

The Council will interview the following candidates for the Board of Appeals: John Pentecost, current chair of the Board of Appeals; and Laura Seminario-Thornton. Mr. Pentecost's first full term expires in Sept. 2020. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_4.pdf

Confirmation of County Executive's appointee as Chief Administrative Officer, Rich Madaleno

The Council is scheduled to vote on the confirmation of Rich Madaleno as the County Executive's appointee as the County's chief administrative officer. Mr. Madaleno was interviewed for this position by the Council on Sept. 22. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_5.pdf

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The Council will sit as the Board of Health to receive an update on the County's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its recovery efforts. The Council will be joined by Dr. Travis Gayles, County health officer and chief of the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Public Health Services; Dr. Earl Stoddard, director, Office of Emergency management and Homeland Security; and Dr. Raymond Crowel, director, DHHS. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_6.pdf

Briefing from Board of Elections

On Thursday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. the Council will receive a briefing on the 2020 elections from the Montgomery County Board of Elections. The briefing will be a wide-ranging discussion covering all aspects of administering the upcoming elections. The Council staff report will be available on Sept. 29.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All Council public hearings will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 1:30 p.m.

Supplemental Appropriation - MCPS - \$1,074,972 for MCPS Safe Schools Grant

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a supplemental appropriation of \$1,074,972 for the MCPS Safe Schools Grant. This supplemental appropriation is needed because MCPS received funding

from the Maryland Center for School Safety in June (FY20). Approval of this appropriation request would allow MCPS to spend the FY20 state grant funds. MCPS plans to use these grant funds to enhance school safety efforts, including additional student mental health support; mentoring and trauma informed care efforts; behavioral threat assessment efforts and training; stakeholder outreach in areas of prevention and intervention, gang awareness and pedestrian and traffic safety; and addressing the gaps and challenges identified as a result of the mandated school safety evaluations. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_7.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation and CIP Amendment - MCPS - \$602,651 for Planned Lifecycle Asset Replacement

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a supplemental appropriation of \$602,651 to MCPS' FY21 Capital Budget and an amendment to the FY21-26 CIP for Planned Lifecycle Asset Replacement: MCPS Project. The source of funds is the State of Maryland Aging Schools Program. The funds will be used towards capital improvements in aging schools which will protect the school from deterioration, improve school safety for students and staff and enhance the delivery of educational programs. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_8.pdf

WSSC FY21 Spending Control Limits

The Council will hold a public hearing on FY21 spending control limits for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). Each year by Nov. 1, both the Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils approve spending control limits for the upcoming WSSC budget. WSSC staff develops a "base case," six-year forecast, which is then reviewed by a bi-county workgroup. The FY22 spending control limits assumed in WSSC staff's latest scenario (revised base case) are presented below.

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_9.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation - DOT - \$70,574 for Streets and Roads - Roadside Trees - Protection

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a supplemental appropriation of \$70,574 to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation. This appropriation is needed to authorize the expenditure of funds received during FY20, for the replacement of roadside trees as required by Bill 41-12 – Streets and Roads – Roadside Trees – Protection. The money is from the Street Tree Planting Fund and can be used only for this purpose. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_10.pdf

Special Appropriation - Early Care and Education NDA COVID-19 - \$7,687,000 for School-Age Child Care During Distance Learning

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a special appropriation of \$7,687,000 to the Early Care and Education Non-Departmental Account (NDA) for school-age child care during distance learning. This special appropriation, which was spearheaded by Council President Sidney Katz, will provide funding to allow school-age child care providers to open licensed child care programs in public school buildings to support working parents. Child care providers for school-age children need support in order meet COVID-19 social distancing and safety requirements and keep tuition affordable for parents. The special appropriation also provides before, during and after school child care for children from working families with low incomes and children in foster care, while MCPS is meeting virtually during the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Many parents and caregivers do not have the ability to telework and provide supervision for their children as they navigate on-line instruction. Families with low incomes and foster families often need additional support, so that their children can access virtual learning. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_11.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation - MCPS - \$1,117,512 for Broadband for Unserved Students Grant

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a supplemental appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget for Montgomery County Public Schools for the Broadband for Unserved Students Grant. The source of funds for the more than \$1.1 million supplemental appropriation is the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act-Coronavirus Relief Fund. MCPS plans to use these grant funds to purchase and provide cellular hotspots and service for students who may be at a disadvantage in accessing broadband service. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_12.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation - MCPS - \$13,241,438 for Tutoring Program Grant

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a supplemental appropriation to MCPS' FY21 Operating Budget of \$13,241,438 for the Tutoring Program Grant. The source of funds is the CARES Act-Coronavirus Relief Fund. MCPS plans to use these grant funds for online tutoring opportunities for MCPS elementary, middle and high school students to recover reading and mathematics skill deficiencies from the lack of direct instruction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_13.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation - MCPS - \$18,344,404 for Technology Program Grant

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a supplemental appropriation to MCPS' FY21 Operating Budget of \$18,344,404 for the Technology Program Grant. The source of funds is the CARES Act-Coronavirus Relief Fund. MCPS plans to use these grant funds for technology-related learning. Specifically, MCPS' goal is to provide one-to-one technology access for all students, which includes a computer or device and internet access. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_14.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation - MCPS - \$1,748,276 for Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund Grant

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a supplemental appropriation to MCPS' FY21 Operating Budget of \$1,748,276 for a GEER Fund grant. MCPS plans to use these grant funds to increase technology options (internet devices) for students and staff who need it to effectively engage in remote learning experiences and to ensure equity of access. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_15.pdf

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Bill 41-20, Agricultural Land Preservation – Solar Collection System – Dedication of Business Personal Property Tax Revenue

The Council will introduce Bill 41-20, which would dedicate business personal property tax revenue received for a solar collection system constructed in the Agricultural Reserve Zone for the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund. The Agricultural Land Preservation Fund is an existing special, non-lapsing revolving fund used to purchase property interests, such as an agricultural easement, to preserve agricultural land in the County. Councilmember Andrew Friedson is the lead sponsor. The goal of this legislation is to increase funding for the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund. The Council staff report can be viewed here: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_16A.pdf

#PreservingAg is being used for this bill on social media.

Bill 42-20, Ethics – Public Accountability and Transparency Amendments

The Council will introduce Bill 42-20, which would, among other things, require the Executive to disclose a proposed employment contract with an appointee to a non-merit position and any employment contract with an employee currently serving in a non-merit position to the Council. Councilmember Andrew Friedson is the lead sponsor. Councilmember Craig Rice and Council President Sidney Katz are cosponsors. The goal of this legislation is to increase public accountability and County transparency. Bill 42-20 also would do the following:

- include the sale or promotion of certain intellectual property by a public employee as other employment;
- prohibit a public employee who has received compensation from an individual or organization in the previous 12 months from participating in a procurement with that individual or organization;
- require a public employee who participates in a procurement process with an individual or organization seeking to do business with the County that compensated the public employee for services performed more than 12 months before the participation began to disclose the prior relationship to the Procurement Director;
- require an elected official or non-merit employee to disclose, with some exceptions, the source of each fee greater than \$1,000 received for services in a financial disclosure statement; and
- prohibit the Chief Administrative Officer from engaging in other employment

A public hearing on Bill 42-20 is scheduled for Oct. 20. The Council staff report can be viewed here: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_16B.pdf

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Bill 43-20, Non-merit Employees – Merit System Employees – Severance Pay – Limited

The Council will introduce Bill 43-20, which would prohibit severance pay for a County employee unless authorized by law and prohibit severance pay for certain employees who violate the Ethics Law. Councilmember Andrew Friedson is the lead sponsor. Councilmember Craig Rice and Council President Sidney Katz are cosponsors. The goal of this legislation is to improve transparency in employee compensation. A public hearing on Bill 43-20 is scheduled for Oct. 20. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_16C.pdf

#SeveringSeverance is being used for this bill on social media.

Bill 44-20, Racial Equity and Social Justice – Impact Statements – Advisory Committee Amendments

The Council will introduce Bill 44-20, which would require the Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) to submit a racial equity and social justice impact statement for each zoning text amendment. Councilmember Nancy Navarro is the lead sponsor. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. Bill 44-20 also would add

two additional public members to the Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee and authorize the County Executive to establish one or more task forces to study and make recommendations on specified racial equity and social justice issues.

In November 2019, the Council unanimously approved the Racial Equity and Social Justice Act after conducting numerous community conversations and reviewing the analysis of the Council's Office of Legislative Oversight. This seminal legislation was spearheaded by Councilmember Navarro.

The Racial Equity and Social Justice Act created an official program for Montgomery County government, under the oversight of the newly created Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice. It requires each County department and office to develop a racial equity and social justice action plan, and requires that legislation, public policy initiatives and government programs, supported by budget requests, include a racial equity and social justice impact statement. It also established a Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee that would include members of the public.

Finally, it required the Montgomery County Planning Board to consider racial equity and social justice issues when preparing master plans for submission to the Council. These plans include recommendations for land uses, transportation and public facilities such as schools, libraries, community and recreation centers, parks and fire and police stations.

A public hearing on Bill 44-20 is scheduled for Oct. 20. The Council staff report can be viewed here: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_16D.pdf

#EquityMattersInMoCo and #LandUseEquity are being used for this bill on social media.

Bill 40-20, Uniform Trader's License Fee

The Council is scheduled to vote on Bill 40-20, which would establish a uniform license fee of \$15 for a trader's license within the County. Councilmembers Evan Glass and Andrew Friedson are the lead sponsors. Councilmembers Nancy Navarro, Gabe Albornoz, Council President Sidney Katz and Councilmember Craig Rice are cosponsors. The goal of this legislation is to provide financial relief to retail businesses and restaurants who have been hard-hit by the global pandemic. Currently trader's license fees range between \$15 to \$800 annually for any business that has retail inventory and the fee is established based on the value of the inventory. The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee recommends approval. The Council staff report can be viewed here: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_17A.pdf

#TradersLicense is being used for this bill on social media.

Bill 6-20, Solid Waste (Trash) - Release of Balloons

The Council is scheduled to vote on Bill 6-20, which would prohibit the release of a balloon into the air in certain circumstances; and prescribe penalties for the unlawful release of a balloon. Councilmember Tom Hucker is the lead sponsor. The Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee recommends approval with the following amendments:

- make the ban on the intentional release of a balloon apply to county agencies in addition to other persons and organizations;
- clarify that the bill applies when a person intentionally releases a balloon while in the County, not outside of the County; and
- clarify that the presumption under the bill that the owner of private property from which a balloon is released is responsible for the release, when an enforcement officer cannot determine the specific person who released the balloon.

The goal of this legislation is to reduce harmful waste. The Council staff report can be viewed here:
https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_17B.pdf

Bill 10-20, Property Tax Credit – Energy and Environmental Design – Eligibility Criteria and Amounts of Credit

The Council is scheduled to vote on Bill 10-20, which would do the following:

- alter the eligibility criteria for the property tax credit for energy and environmental design;
- alter the amounts and durations of the property tax credit for energy and environmental design by type of building; and
- alter annual limits on the total amounts of property tax credits granted by the County for energy and environmental design

Councilmembers Andrew Friedson and Hans Riemer are the lead sponsors. Council President Sidney Katz is a cosponsor. The GO and T&E Committees recommends approval with the following amendments:

- provide for a transition period between the current tax credit and the new credits;
- clearly differentiate between credits for new buildings and credits for existing buildings;
- provide for bonus credits for certain high level green building certifications; and
- explicitly identify state enabling law for the tax credits

The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_17C.pdf

Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sectional Map Amendment

The Council will introduce Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) H-137, which was filed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. SMA H-137 is a comprehensive rezoning application to implement the zoning recommendations contained in the approved and adopted [Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan](#). A public hearing on this amendment is scheduled for Nov. 10 at 1:30 p.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_18A.pdf

Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 20-30, Townhouse Living – Conditional Use Standards

The Council will introduce ZTA 20-30, which would amend the standards for allowing townhouse dwelling units as a conditional use. Townhouses are allowed as a conditional use in the RE-1 (rural estate) and R-200, R-90 and R-40 residential zones. Councilmember Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor. Conditional use approval allows a density of up to 15.7 townhouses per acre for developments, where all structures meet livability standards for accommodating disabled residents, including where all parking spaces are designed to have eight-foot access aisles. ZTA 20-03 would eliminate the requirement for public bus service abutting the site; increase allowed distance from recreation facilities to 1,500 feet; clarify that the distance to a Metro station is measured as a radius; and require an access aisle for one of every four parking spaces. A public hearing on this ZTA is scheduled for Nov. 10. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_18B.pdf

Zoning Text Amendment 20-01, Solar Collection System – AR Zone Standards

The Council will review ZTA 20-01, which would revise the solar collection system use standards to allow larger facilities in the Agricultural Resource (AR) zone. Councilmember Hans Riemer and Council Vice President Tom Hucker are the lead sponsors. The total amount of collection systems on all parcels would be limited to 1,800 acres. Any collector system constructed under the proposed amendment must be designated pollinator-friendly under the Maryland Pollinator-Friendly Designation Program. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200929/20200929_18C.pdf

COMMITTEE

2020-2024 Subdivision Staging Policy, School Impact Taxes, and Cross-Cutting School Issues

On Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m. the GO and PHED Committees will meet jointly to review school impact taxes and cross-cutting school issues related to the County's 2020-2024 Subdivision Staging Policy. The Subdivision Staging Policy is based on having sufficient infrastructure to support new development. It includes criteria and guidance for the administration of Montgomery County's Adequate Public Facility Ordinance (APFO), which matches the timing of private development with the availability of public infrastructure. Every four years, recommendations for policy updates reflecting current growth patterns start with the Montgomery Planning Department, before being reviewed and approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Council. The individuals expected to attend the meeting include the following: Casey Anderson, chair, Montgomery Planning Board; Gwen Wright, director, Planning Department; Tanya Stern, deputy director, Planning Department; Jason Sartori, chief, Countywide Planning Division, Planning Department; Lisa Govoni, housing policy coordinator, Countywide Planning Division; Hye-Soo Baek, senior planner, Countywide Planning Division; and Meredith Wellington, land use planning policy analyst, Office of the County Executive. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200930/20200930_GOPHED1.pdf

2020-2024 Subdivision Staging Policy and Validity Period Extension

On Sept. 30 at 1:30 p.m. the PHED Committee will review the 2020-2024 Subdivision Staging Policy and validity period extension. The Council staff report will be available on Sept. 28.

Crime Trends and Other Life Safety Issues During COVID-19

On Oct. 1 at 9:30 a.m. the Public Safety (PS) Committee will receive a briefing on crime trends and other life safety issues during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council staff report will be available on Sept. 29.

Expedited Bill 34-20, Police Disciplinary Procedures - Police Labor Relations - Duty to Bargain – Amendments

The PS Committee also will review Expedited Bill 34-20, which would amend the disciplinary procedures for County police officers by requiring the use of a traditional hearing board under the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR). The bill also would require two additional voting public members on a hearing board, in a case originating from a complaint alleging an excessive use of force and authorize the chief of police to issue a final order on employee discipline based on the recommendations of a hearing board. Finally, Bill 34-20 would exclude collective bargaining over the composition of a police hearing board, the right of the chief to make a final decision on discipline and the right of the chief to issue a directive or administrative order implementing an employer right. The goal of this legislation is to increase police officer accountability. Councilmembers Hans Riemer and Craig Rice are the lead sponsors. The Council staff report will be available on Sept. 29.

#PoliceAccountabilityAct is being used for this bill on social media.